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Warsaw, February 3. N. S.

THE Cardinal Primate and the Princes of the House of Sapieha continue here, but the Diversions of the Carnival have put a stop to all Negotiations, and in the present Circumstances there is less hopes of a Peace than ever. We hear, the King of Poland is gone from Thoon to Mariembourg, and that it is uncertain whether he will proceed from thence to Elbing or to Lithuania, whither most of his Saxon Forces have Orders to march without loss of time. The Lithuanians are drawing together a considerable Body, with intent to join the King's Forces and the Muscovites, and to attack the Swedish Forces in that Country, which is so much exhausted already by the Marches of the Troops of both Parties, that all these Forces will hardly be able to find Subsistence there. Count Zinzendorf, the Emperor's Minister, is gone from hence to Dantzick.

Vienna, February 7. General Schlick went from hence this week to the *Upper Austria*, to take upon him the Command of the Imperial Forces which are assembled on that side, in order to attack the Elector of *Bavaria's* Country, and carried with him a considerable Sum of Money, towards defraying the Charges of that Expedition. The Circle of *Swabia* has lately sent a Deputy hither, and he has had several Conferences with the Emperor's Ministers, who have assured him of his Imperial Majesty's Satisfaction with the Proceedings of that Circle, and their readiness to concur with him in those Measures that tend to the Safety and Welfare of the Empire; and that nothing shall be wanting in him that may be necessary for securing them effectually from the Attempts of the Elector of *Bavaria*, or any other Enemy. It is said, that Prince *Ragotzi*, who was convicted some time since of a Conspiracy against the Emperor's Person, but made his Escape into *Poland*, is at present in the *Budziack*, and endeavours to persuade the *Tartars* of that Country to make an Inroad into *Transylvania*, but that the *Ottoman Porte* will by no means permit it, being resolved strictly to observe the Treaty of *Carlowitz*, and to maintain a good Friendship and Correspondence with the Emperor.

Ratisbonne, 1 February 12. The *Bavarian* Minister at the Imperial Diet endeavours to palliate the Elector his Master's possessing himself of *Nieubourg*, alledging, That he has done it with no other Intention than to secure that Pass, till the Safety of his Country on that side is otherwise provided for; and that, as a further Proof of his peaceable Disposition, he intends to leave all things in that Place in the present condition, and neither to molest the Elector Palatine in his Revenues and Jurisdiction, nor the Electress Dowager (who has lived there some time) in her Residence. But this Minister will hardly be able to persuade the Diet of his Master's good Will to the Empire, who leaves no means unattempted to disturb its Quiet, insomuch that, not thinking the Forces he has already on foot sufficient for that purpose, he has summoned all the *Bayliffs*, and other Officers of that kind, in his Country, to meet on the 9th Instant, with Horses and Arms, at *Munich*, intending to form them into Squadrons, who are said to amount to

above 4000 Men: And we have Accounts likewise, that a Body of his Troops is marched in an hostile manner into the Duchy of *Wurtemberg*. The Governor of *Nieubourg* is very much censured for surrendering that Place so easily as he did, since we are informed, that Count *Stirum* was advanced with a Body of Imperial Troops within a few hours March of the Town, with intent to attempt its Relief, and that the Garrison could have held out much longer.

Frankfort, February 14. The Count de *Lewenstein*, Envoy from the Emperor, is gone from hence to *Neuremberg*, to keep up his Imperial Majesty's Interest in the Diet of the Circle of *Franconia*, which is assembled there, and to persuade the Magistrates of that Place not to comply with the Demand which the Elector of *Bavaria* lately made, That they should pay him a considerable Sum of Money by way of Contribution; and in both these Respects he has had very good Success; the Diet, by a very vigorous Answer to a Letter which that Elector lately sent to them, having declared their firm adhering to the common Cause, wherein the Emperor and the Empire are so highly concerned, and the City, instead of paying the Contributions demanded, having laid out their Money to repair their Fortifications, and procure Ammunition and other Necessaries for their Defence; And the Margrave of *Bareith* is gone thither, in order to command the Garrison in case of a Siege. We hear, the French Forces in the *Upper Alsace* are in a readiness to march, but it is not yet known what they design: However General *Thungen* is gone to *Landau*, to give the necessary Orders that nothing may be wanting for the Security of that important Place. We hear there has happened a very sharp Action between the Forces which the Elector of *Bavaria* lately sent into the Duchy of *Wurtemberg*, and a Body of Troops which that Duke had got together near *Aurach*, in order to oppose them, and it is said, that the Duke himself was very much wounded, and his Troops were forced to leave the Field, and that the *Bavarians* afterwards possessed themselves of *Aurach*; of all which we expect a more certain and particular Account. Our last Letters by the ordinary Post from the Camp at *Traerbach* say, the Confederate Forces there continued to ply the Castle of that Place very warmly from several Batteries; and that in all probability they would soon be Masters of it; and we have since a Report, that the Garrison has actually surrendered; whereof we expect a Confirmation by our next Letters.

Cologne, February 16. Orders are given for making a considerable Draught out of our Garrison, in order to some Expedition, which is kept secret. A Body of *Hussars* is come to *Schleiden*, from whence they daily make Excursions, with very good Success. Since the signing of the Capitulation of *Rhinberg*, it has been agreed, That the Garrison should be conducted by Water to *Nimwegen*, by reason that a sufficient number of Wagons could not be found to carry their Baggage.